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## THANKSGIVING DAY.

One week from today is the day set apart by proclamation of the President of the United States as a day for special thanksgiving—a day to be devoted to praise and prayer to the Ruler of the Universe, and of charitable and helpful acts to the destitute and needy. A cessation from all kinds of labor is also advised in so far as can be made practicable.

The people of this country have great reason for thankfulness and gratitude at this time, and a proper recognition and observance of the day will not be out of place—in fact it will be very much in place. As a people we are too apt to take the good things of this life simply as a matter of course, and fail to appreciate the fact that there is a Creator who has so bountifully provided for us, and whose creatures we are.

There are possibly, many of our readers who do not fully know the origin of this day of thanksgiving, and a few facts relative to the subject may not be out of place at this time, and the custom, in this country at least, originated with the New England Colonists in 1621, who gave one day during the year to thanksgiving for special providences, and this was continued until 1863 when President Lincoln issued a proclamation naming one day—generally the last Thursday in November—as a time for universal thanksgiving by the people of the United States. Since that time the custom has been followed each succeeding year until to-day, and it is recognized by many throughout our entire country, but to every one it should come as a reminder that we owe due praise to an All-Wise Ruler who watches and reigns over us.

## THE TOWN ELECTION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5th, the voters of Hood River will be called upon to select eight officers to serve in conducting the affairs of our city government for the coming term. The different officers to be elected are mayor, five councilmen, recorder and marshal. One councilman, Capt. Dukes, holds over, thus completing the Board.

Several names have been mentioned in connection with the mayorality, but the Sun does not presume to say which of the gentlemen named would be the most acceptable to the citizens of our town. They are probably all good and capable men, and we believe the voters can be relied upon making a wise selection. It may not be amiss however for us to offer a few suggestions in the premises, and state just what position the Sun occupies in relation to all matters that pertain to the public welfare.

And right here we wish to state that the Sun will be first, last and all the time, in favor of such men and measures as will promote the most good to the greatest number—morally, socially and financially. We believe in reaching out and taking hold of every enterprise that will help to build up Hood River and develop the resources which surround us. We believe in a progressive and aggressive business policy as the official life of our city, coupled with good judgment and an earnestness for advancement that admit of no unnecessary hesitation when once conviction takes place. We are unequivocally opposed to the liquor traffic, and would like to see men elected, who, backed up by the people, would keep the town free from its baneful influences; but if public sentiment is not sufficient to sustain such a policy then we favor high license and a rigid enforcement of the most stringent laws that may appertain thereto.

Let good men be elected—men who have the best interests of Hood River at heart, and the Sun will accord them earnest support and impartial acknowledgment.

Whatever may have been the opinion of democrats or populists two years ago upon the question of expansion, the situation now calls for a concert of action by the Am-

erican people. The honor and integrity of the nation demands this, and while there are some who claim such views erroneous, yet the majority recognize the fact and are joining the administration hearty co-operation. The following from one of the ablest Southern Democratic papers, the Atlanta Constitution, pretty generally voices the sentiment of the America people as a whole:

What we do know—what every reflecting person knows—is that from the moment Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet, our duties and responsibilities had a beginning. We owe something to all the interests there; we owe as much to our own views of popular government and human rights; and all these debts are due to humanity at large. We could not have sailed away if the Filipinos had remained as peaceable and as amenable as suckling doves. We could not sail away if they were to ground arms tomorrow. Our duties and responsibilities will keep up in those islands for an indefinite period of time, and no one would recognize that fact more clearly or act upon it with more energy and promptitude than the democratic leaders if they were charged with the conduct of the government's affairs.

Indeed, they recognize it now—so much so, that on no occasion and in no shape has any real democratic leader advocated a policy which would leave the affairs of the Philippines at loose ends, and enable some foreign power to promote and extend the already too wide influence of monarchical government—the one-man power—real imperialism. Whenever this republic has expanded the result has been not imperialism but the expansion of democratic and republican principles.

Harvey W. Scott, of the Oregonian, is being prominently named as a suitable man for United States senator, and the Blue Mountain American speaks of him in the following eulogistic manner:

"It is the every day constant training along any one line which qualifies a man to excel in that particular field. In electing a United States senator our people should first consider a man's intelligence and fitness for the place and his 'political expediency' should be entirely subject to his qualifications. There is not a more intelligent citizen, a truer patriot or a more scholarly statesman in Oregon than Harvey W. Scott. He is not a politician, neither can he be induced to stultify his manhood or prostitute his high prerogatives as an American citizen for the sake of office. In the senate he would be to Oregon what Benton was to Missouri or Morgan is now to Alabama."

Mr. Scott is a good newspaper man, and his knowledge of the state and public affairs generally, should eminently qualify him to fill the position ably and acceptably.

Vice-President Hobart died on Tuesday morning last. Reports had been quite favorable as to his condition until Sunday, when he began to grow weaker, passing away as above stated. The death of Mr. Hobart is a national loss and the bereaved ones have the sympathy of the nation.

## Exchange Clippings.

Interesting Paragraphs Gleaned From Various Sources.

## Probable New Factory for Hood River.

Oregon pine needles, or those long slender spears that grow on sugar pine trees in lieu of leaves, have fallen on the ground for countless ages, to be converted into soil by the slow process of decomposition, or into ashes by the quicker medium of fire, without a thought being given to their commercial value. This condition is now to be changed; according to D. A. Cords, president of the Pacific Pine Needle Company, of Grant's Pass, who is spending a few days at the Imperial, in company with his wife. Mr. Cords says the pine needles of Southern Oregon are now worth \$5 a ton delivered at his factory, and that, as the enterprise grows, whole families may engage in picking pine needles as they pick grapes in California vineyards.

The uses to which pine needles may be put are many. Mr. Cords says, but Germany has hitherto had the monopoly of the business. The needles are at first boiled, and then run between horizontal wooden rollers where the juice is extracted and called "pine-needle oil," which is supposed to possess medical properties. The pulp becomes a medicated material for upholstering, and is said to be a substitute for horse hair. No bugs or insects of any kind will live in furniture which has been upholstered with pine-needle wool, Mr. Cords says.

The Germans make flannel underclothing of the fiber, as well as socks for men and stockings for women; while knee-warmers, knitting and darning yarn, cork soles, quilts, wadding, denting paper for walls, pine-needles soap, incense and even cigars made from this raw material have been imported from Germany for 40 years.

Bathing resorts have been established by thrifty Tentons at points where the pine needles are crushed, and these resorts have long been popular with people afflicted with rheumatism, consumption, etc. Mr. Cords hopes to make Grant's Pass a Mecca for afflicted people, as the climate is mild and equable at all times of the year, while the winters are simply superb in their freedom from high winds or severe frosts, and Grant's Pass has

more sunny days than any other portion of Western Oregon.

At present, the factory uses only half a ton of the needles per day, as the enterprise is still in its infancy. When in full blast, Mr. Cords thinks he can use several tons, with an upward tendency, as the market for pine-needle products expands.

Another point in Oregon where a pine-needle plant may be established in the near future, is Hood River. Mr. Cords says, as the location affords an unlimited supply of pine needles, while better rates of transportation can be obtained on account of Hood River's proximity to Portland, Oregon, he says, has a monopoly on the pine needles, while he has a monopoly on their manipulation.—Oregonian.

Water transportation, the cheapest method ever discovered for moving heavy freight, is again coming into favor on the Columbia river, and the golden days of steamboating are returning. There will never again be such enormous profits made as in the days of the old Wide West, R. R. Thompson, Mountain Queen and other big stern-wheelers, which ran on the finest scenic river route in America, but there will be finer and faster steamers than any of the old-time favorites. The O. R. & N. Co. contracted yesterday for two stern-wheelers to alternate on the Portland and Dalles route, with a daily service.

The steamers will be about 185 feet long, and 30 feet beam, and will be constructed with a view to carrying big loads of freight, and at the same time they will have enormous power, which will enable them to steam at a high rate of speed. Draftsmen are already at work on the plans, and active construction will be commenced within the next fortnight. Work will be rushed on the steamers in order to have them completed in time for next season's business.—Oregonian.

It is very disgusting for us to hear people speak scornfully of girls who have to work for a living. No sensible man is dazzled by the glitter of a jeweled hand, a gold bracelet or a watch, all of which may have been bought on time. A rosy checked face in the kitchen is worth a dozen operatic singers in the parlor pawing a piano and screeching, 'A Flower From My Mother's Grave,' when very likely the poor old mother is hanging out clothes in the back yard. It is all right to know how to appear a cultured, refined and entertaining lady, but to know how to be a good house-keeper is far better than superficial airs.—Grass Valley Journal.

At the upper Clackamas hatchery 2,000,000 salmon eggs have been hatched and the young fish are thriving, states the Astoria Budget. They will be turned loose in the Clackamas about the last of this month. The high water carried away the racks at the lower hatchery, and Superintendent Downing is stocking up with imported eggs.

## Correspondence.

News of the Week Gathered by Our Local Writers.

## East Side Snapshots.

(Pine Grove.)

Hans Lage returned home from The Dalles last Saturday.

Capt. F. M. Jackson has returned from The Dalles where he has been attending circuit court.

Mr. A. I. Mason was up from Portland working on his house for the last month, but returned last week.

Pine Grove school district is now holding school in the new building, the seats having arrived and were put in last week. There is now an enrollment of forty-five, and more yet to come.

Ralph Ordway went to Portland Monday morning to consult with Portland doctors in regard to an injured limb, for which he may have to undergo an operation. His mother, Mrs. Wm. Kennedy accompanied him.

Mr. Geo. Robinson and family, who recently arrived from Colorado, have bought property on the East Side, and have rented the Lacy place for the coming year. Mr. Bowers who came with them has bought property in connection with Mr. R., and for present will reside with him.

## White Salmon News.

George Pursler and Alma Thomas were in Portland last week.

R. F. Cox was at Trout Lake hunting last week and had very good success.

W. R. Helms, of The Dalles, has been in our vicinity for a few days insuring against fire.

A ladies Bowling Club has been organized to meet every Thursday evening at the Bingen Alley. No gentlemen except ladies' escorts or by invitation, are allowed.

Belding & Morse have built a warehouse on the White Salmon wharf for the protection of freight during the bad weather likely to prevail through the winter months.

A. Cheyne, of Fulda, intends to move his family to White Salmon soon, for the advantage of sending his children to school. He will move his family in the small house on the Ward place.

A Thanksgiving Ball will be given at the White Salmon hall, Nov. 30. Good music and supper will be furnished, and no doubt this ball will be the pride of the season. We hope to see a jolly crowd present.

Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, many of the people met at the hall to await the appearance of the shooting stars, but the sky being very cloudy they were not seen. The young people enjoyed themselves for a few hours by dancing.

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